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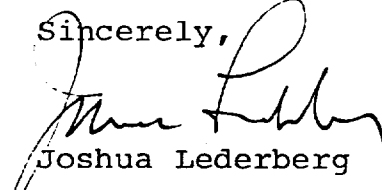
Dear Mr. Conway:

By now you have received a copy of my letter to Laurance Rockefeller concerning the Fairfield Osborn Memorial Lectures, and I would like to underscore my special appreciation for the partnership of The New York Zoological Society and The Conservation Foundation in this undertaking. The rotational responsibility for organizing the annual lecture seems to me the most effective means of managing our collective efforts aimed at advancing the success and stature of the Osborn Lectures.

Messrs. Richard Dana and Barry Dress of the University's staff have begun preliminary work to gather the various components of an invitation list for next November 12 when Dr. Russell Peterson, President of the National Audubon Society, will speak at The Rockefeller. I hope that your staff can soon compile a list of invitees connected with The New York Zoological Society as well as other sources of interested guests you might suggest. Within the next week, Mr. Dana will be in touch with your office concerning invitations and to inquire about the most convenient way to keep you informed about further plans as they develop.

I am particularly interested in your thoughts about possible lecturers in the years ahead, the regular publication of each presentation and the option of arranging a small conference to extend dialogue on the issues raised by speakers. Please let me know your reactions to these points and any other ideas you may have for our shared sponsorship of the Osborn Lectures.

Sincerely,



Joshua Lederberg